

# **DNREC displays Delaware's coastal and natural resources on Oct. 7 at Coast Day in Lewes**

**LEWES** – Delaware's coastal and natural resources will be showcased Sunday, Oct. 7 at DNREC's Coast Day education tent on the campus of the University of Delaware's College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment in Lewes. Coast Day, which runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., is the university's annual end-of-summer event that attracts thousands of visitors from Delaware and throughout the region.

"Coast Day celebrates Delaware's coastal resources and brings together partners who are committed to preserving our beaches, waterways, tidal marshes, farmland, upland forests, bay and ocean for future generations," said DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin. "Coast Day visitors will get a close-up look into the science and technology that is being used and developed to help make important decisions about our natural resources in Delaware and around the globe."

In addition to DNREC's education tent between the Smith and Cannon buildings, the Department's *R/V First State* will be docked with other research vessels and available to tour. DNREC's tent features the agency's diverse programs designed to conserve and protect Delaware's natural resources and encourages public participation through hands-on activities and educational games that appeal to both adults and children. DNREC has exhibited at Coast Day since the event's inception in 1976.

This year, a variety of DNREC exhibits with games and giveaways will highlight Delaware's coastal and natural

resources, including:

- Equipment used by Shoreline and Waterway Management;
- The Delaware Bayshore mini-theater;
- DNREC volunteer opportunities at the EcoCafe;
- Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Operation Game Theft Trailer;
- The Delaware Shorebird Project;
- The Clean Transportation Incentive Program with a trivia game wheel;
- Marine debris research and interactive Environmental Perspectives website;
- The Recycling Program's "Bin It to Win It" game;
- Fossils, minerals, and coastal aquifers;
- *Outdoor Delaware* magazine, with free copies and special edition critter trading cards;
- Cape Henlopen State Park Nature Center and Fort Miles;
- Bats with the Division of Fish & Wildlife's Species Conservation & Management program;
- The Mosquito Control Section;
- Wetlands; and
- Septic systems.

For more information on the event, visit [www.decoastday.org](http://www.decoastday.org).

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